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SUBJECT: UNSC DEBATE ON SOUTH AFRICA

REF: A. USUN 961; B. USUN 980

1. AFRICAN GROUP AT 5:00 PM MARCH 31 FINISHED DRAFT

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RESPONSE TO WESTERN GROUP PROPOSALS OF PREVIOUS EVENING

(REF A). WESTERN GROUP MET AT 6:00 PM TO DISCUSS AFRICAN

TEXT AND LISTED NINE PROBLEMS. THE MOST SENSITIVE OF THESE
CONCERNED:

(A) FOREIGN ECONOMIC INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA (PARA 16);

(B) HOW THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SC, THE OAU, AND THE

LIBERATION MOVEMENTS SHOULD BE VIEWED IN THE DECLARATION
(PARA 14);
(C) REFERENCE TO THE "MINORITY GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH
AFRICA" (PARA 15).

2. WESTERN GROUP MET WITH AFRICAN AND NONALIGNED SC
MEMBERS AT 7:00 PM TO PRESENT THE NINE PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS. AMB RAMPHUL (MAURITIUS) SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY
BELIEVED SEVERAL OF THE SUGGESTED CHANGES WOULD BE
ACCEPTABLE, BUT THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE THEM TO AFRICAN
GROUP MEETING AT 11:00 AM APRIL 1. HE INVITED AMB
YOUNG TO ATTEND THE MEETING TO PRESENT WESTERN THINKING
BEHIND OUR AMENDMENTS. WESTERN GROUP AGREED WITH THIS
IDEA AND SAID THEY WOULD PROVIDE NEW TEXT OF THE DECLARATION
INCORPORATING ALL OF THE WESTERN CHANGES FOR DISTRIBUTION
EARLY APRIL 1. (TEXT IN REF B).

3. RE DRAFT RESOLUTION, WESTERN GROUP SAID THEY PREFERRED
TO HAVE SUBSTANCE OF RESOLUTION INCORPORATED INTO STATEMENT
INTRODUCING THE DECLARATION, BUT THAT SUCH PROCEDURAL
QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DECIDED UNDER THE NEW PRESIDENCY
(VENEZUELA). AMB RAMPHUL SAID THAT THE AFRICAN GROUP
WOULD CONSIDER THIS IDEA, AND WESTERN GROUP OFFERED TO
PROVIDE TEXT OF SUCH A STATEMENT.

4. VENEZUELAN PERM REP CONSALVI, ASSUMING SC PRESIDENCY
APRIL 1, SAID HE INTENDED TO CALL INFORMAL SC CONSULTATIONS
AT 3:00 PM APRIL 1 TO DECIDE HOW TO PROCEED WITH THIS
ITEM. DEPENDING ON THE OUTCOME OF AFRICAN GROUP MEETING
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FRIDAY MORNING (WITH AMB YOUNG'S PARTICIPATION) AND AFTER-
NOON CONSULTATIONS, IT MAY PROVE POSSIBLE TO MOVE INTO
FORMAL SC SESSION TO APPROVE DECLARATION.

5. COMMENT: WE ARE STILL OPTIMISTIC THAT THE DECLARATION
WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE SC. CHINA AND THE USSR REMAIN
STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE DECLARATION, BUT THE AFRICANS
SHOULD BE ABLE TO BRING THEM INTO LINE. HARRIMAN (NIGERIA)
AND RAMPHUL ARE CONTINUING TO WORK CONSTRUCTIVELY TO
CONTROL DISSENTERS WITHIN THEIR GROUP, AND AMB JAIPAL
OF INDIA IS BECOMING IMPORTANT FORCE IN STEADYING NON-
ALIGNED AND AFRICAN REACTIONS TO TEXTUAL PROBLEMS OF THE
DECLARATION. THE MOST IMPORTANT NEGOTIATING POINT IN THE
DRAFT DECLARATION REMAINS PARA 16, BECAUSE OF STRONG
AFRICAN VIEWS ON ECONOMIC ASPECT OF STRATEGY AND HIGH
SENSITIVITY OF THE POINT FOR WESTERNERS, MOST ESPECIALLY
THE BRITISH, WHO CANNOT MOVE FURTHER THAN THE PARA 16
DRAFT PUT FORWARD REF B.
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